has been no adverse impact of drought on production of tea during 1987-88. In respect of Coffee, though production was adversely affected by drought, their exports remained unaffected. Wheat and rice are exported only within a limited ceiling and as per availability. A crop loss of around 1150 MTs was estimated in respect of Cardamom during 1987 season worth Rs. 14 crores. 1987 Karnataka crop of tobacco and 1987-88 Andhra Pradesh crop of tobacco were adversely affected by drought within an estimated crop loss of around 55 m.kgs., adversely affecting exports. There has been a fall on export of solvent extractions affecting exports to an extent of about Rs. 35 crores.

The major portion of world trade in textiles and clothing is regulated under Multifibre Arrangement. India has negotiated Bilateral Textiles Agreements with a number of countries under which exports of certain categories of textiles and clothing are subject to quantitative restriction.

Incident of eve-teasing and molestation reported in Delhi

1522. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in the incidents of eve-teasing and molestation of girls in the capital during the last one year;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reports during the above period; and

(c) what steps are being taken to check such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The following figures indicate that compared to 1986, there has been decline in the cases of eve-teasing and molestation in 1987:

Year	eve-teasing	molestation
1986 . .	2021	112
1987 . .	1777	95

(c) Police personnel are detailed on duty at the girls' colleges, schools and other places frequented by women. Police personnel are also deployed in running buses to check eve-teasing etc.

Cut in Administrative Expenditure

1523. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to effect a drastic cut in the administrative expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Government are continuously reviewing the different areas of administrative expenditure so that measures of economy could be enforced. These include curbs on expenses on travel, entertainment, inessential seminars confidences publications, purchase of furniture furnishings, fuel consumption etc.

Revival of Shipping Companies

1524. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Economic Times" of the

24th March, 1988 under the caption "Several Shipping Compaines beyond revival";

(b) if so, what are the names of such Shipping Companies; and

(c) what is the nature of difficulties being faced by Government for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDURADO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited has reported that the general recession in the Shipping Industry prevailing up to 1986, as also overaged tonnage, management weakness etc. have contributed to making some private sector shipping companies non-viable. These companies have incurred cash losses and have accumulated huge carried-forward losses. They have as a consequence, not paid instalments of interest and principal in respect of loans raised from or guaranteed by erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee.

Release of gold smuggler

1525. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Telegraph of the 23rd January, 1988 on Tihar authorities' decision to release a gold smuggler who was arrested and was facing trial in West Bengal; and

(b) if so what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Mr. Martin Hans Peter, holder of German Passport was lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar, on challan from the Presidency Jail, Calcutta on 2nd January, 1987 for the purpose of production before the Advisory Board on 7th January, 1987. He was detained under COFEPOSA by the Government of India. Subsequently, on 10th June, 1987 the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi passed an order to the effect that Mr. Peter should not be removed from the Central Jail Tihar to any other prison outside Delhi.

On 3rd July, 1987 orders dated 29th June, 1987 were received by the Jail authorities requiring them to produce Mr. Peter in the Court of CJM, North, 24 Parganas on 13th July, 1987. In the Orders it was mentioned that Superintendent, Presidency Jail shall arrange for the production of the accused and shall send the required escort party for the purpose. However, message was sent to the Court stating that in view of the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in June, 1987, Mr. Peter can not be removed from the Central Jail Tihar, Moreover, the Presidency Jail, Calcutta authorities did not arrange the necessary escort party. Later the detention order in respect of Mr. Peter under COFEPOSA dated 3rd November, 1986 was quashed by Hon'ble High Court Delhi, vide orders 3rd August, 1987. The accused was accordingly released from COFEPOSA on 6th August, 1987 and was detained as under trial with effect from the same date. Messages were again sent to the CJM and the Superintendent Collectorate of Customs on 6th and 7th August, 1987. However, no escort party was sent by the authorities.

In the absence of any valid Production Order with the Central Jail authorities, Tihar, Mr. Peter was released from the jail on the 10th August, 1987.